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SUBJ: COTONOU-GAO LIFELINE PROJECT

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(D) ABIDJAN 4411; (E) COTONOU 0882; (F) BAMAKO 1494;

(G) STATE 117920

SUMMARY: OF \$100,000 ALLOCATED TO SUBJECT PROJECT, \$12,000 PROGRAMMED FOR TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIR, PARAKOU-MALANVILLE AND APPROXIMATELY \$47,000 PROGRAMMED FOR PURCHASE OF 75 TARPS NEEDED URGENTLY IN COTONOU AND NIGER TO COVER GRAIN STORED IN OPEN. ALTHOUGH ONLY \$41,000 OF \$50,000 MENTIONED REFTEL (F) CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR MALIAN ROAD REPAIR, BELIEVE REPLENISHMENT CAN BE OBTAINED IF PROPERLY JUSTIFIED. END SUMMARY

1. REFTEL (A) ALLOCATED \$100,000 TO SUBJECT PROJECT AND DELEGATED RDO/NIAMEY OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY. THIS CABLE WILL UP DATE STATUS OF OBLIGATIONS AS MADE THUS FAR.

2. ROAD EXPENDITURES PARAKOU-MALANVILLE, DAHOMEY. REFTEL (D) SUGGESTS \$12,000 BE PROGRAMMED FOR TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIR ALL ALONG 321 KM ROUTE BETWEEN PARAKOU AND MALANVILLE. IN THREE-WAY TELECON BETWEEN HILL/ROSENTHAL/BERGIER IT WAS CONFIRMED BY BERGIER THAT ORIGINAL CONVERSION FROM CFA TO DOLLAR COSTS FOR MATERIALS SHOULD HAVE \$9,000 RATHER THAN \$90,000. BY ROUNDING TO \$10,000

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AND ADDING 20 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, \$12,000 IS AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR

PURCHASING MATERIALS AND GASOLINE AS INDICATED REFTEL. ADO/NIAMEY ACCEPTS THIS TECHNICAL COST ANALYSIS. FOLLOWING ARE FISCAL PROCEDURES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED TO IMPLEMENT ROAD REPAIR:

(A) FIRST MGRD SUBMITS TO EMBASSY MIN/PW'S WORK PLANS WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE COST ESTIMATES BY COMPONENTS AND TIMEFRAME IF POSSIBLE

(B) RDO/NIAMEY DELEGATES EMB/COTONOU AUTHORITY REVIEW REQUEST AND INFORM MRGD BY EMB LETTER OF APPROVAL.

(C) FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, EMB MAY OBLIGATE FUNDS BY ISSUING PURCHASE ORDER IN NAME OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MGRD, USING FOLLOWING FISCAL DATA:

APPROPRIATION: 72-1141029
ALLOTMENT: 429-58-625-00-86-41
PROJECT: 625-11-823-912
OBLIGATION: 9124071

(D) PURCHASE ORDER SUPPORTED WITH COPIES OF LETTERS EXCHANGED TO BE PURCHASED ASAP TO ADO/NIAMEY FOR PAYMENT PROCESSING. IN EVENT ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR REPAIR THIS SECTION ADO/NIAMEY PREPARED MAKE ADDITIONAL OBLIGATION OR REQUEST ADD-ON FUNDS FROM AID/W.

3. ROAD EXPENDITURES ANSONGO-LABEZANGA, MALI. REFTEL (F) INDICATES MOD OF GOM INFORMED \$50,000 AVAILABLE TO COMMENCE ROAD REPAIRS ASAP. UNFORTUNATELY, AN EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$47,000 WAS MADE PER REFTELS (B) AND (C) FOR URGENTLY NEEDED RARPAULINS. THUS ONLY APPROXIMATELY \$41,000 REMAINS UNALLOCATED WHICH CAN MOST LIKELY BE AUGMENTED TO COVER MALI'S NEEDS AS THEY ARE DEFINED.

4. TARPAULINS. REFTEL (C) REQUESTED USAID/LAGOS PROCURE 75 TARPS, 40 FT. X 40 FT. TO BE USED TO COVER GRAIN IN OPEN STORAGE COTONOU PORT AND IN NIGER PRIOR TO RAINS. ESTIMATED COST DELIVERED NIAMEY \$47,000. COTONOU-GAO PROJECT FUNDS USED RATHER THAN R&R FUNDS SUGGESTED BY REFTEL (G) BECAUSE OF NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY W/O HAVING TO GET GON CLEARANCES. WHILE R&R FUNDS FLEXIBLE SWITCHING CATEGORIES OF FUNDING STILL REQUIRE GON APPROVAL. FURTHER, R&R SYSTEM OF DISBURSEMENT MUST GO THRU BDRN WHICH SIMPLY NOT SET UP
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TO RESPOND RAPIDLY MOVING SITUATION.

5. THEREFORE, DEPENDING ON ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS DAHOMEY OR MALI IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN REQUIREMENTS FIRM.HECK

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